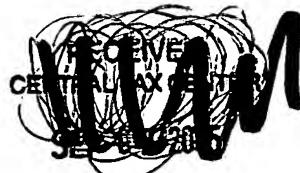


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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005.

It is not believed that any extensions of time are necessary beyond what may be submitted with this communication. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to account number 50-3120. In addition, this response is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Final Action.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.